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1. On 5 June 1949 General CHANG Fa-kuei, head of all Nationalist ground forces, moved his headquarters from Chuchiang (113-33, 24-50) to Canton\*.

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2. YU Han-mou, commander of the Canton Pacification Headquarters, has under his command the Nationalist 39, 62, 63 and 109 Armies (a total of about 80,000 men) in addition to 35,000 Kwangtung provincial troops. The 62, 63 and 109 Armies will soon be evacuated to Hainan. The 39 Army is to remain in Kwangtung\*\*.

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3. The 152 and 153 Divisions of the 62 Army are now at Haianso (110-13, 20-17) awaiting shipment to Hainan.
4. Approximately 5,000 troops, all recruits, comprising the 286 Division of the Nationalist 4 Army, recently arrived in the Canton area and are now under YU's command. On 11 June approximately 4,000 troops were to have arrived in Canton from Taiwan to be placed under YU's command.

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5. On 7 June one Nationalist motor transport regiment, with all its vehicles, was shipped from Canton to Taiwan.
6. Chinese naval craft in the Canton area will go to Hainan when Canton is untenable.

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7. One engineering company of the Nationalist 109 Army and one company of Kwangtung provincial troops defected to the Communist guerrillas in the East River area. The total strength of these two units is 180 men, all equipped with rifles.

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8. Nine hundred Communist guerrillas and 700 Nationalist troops are now in the Bocca Tigris (Humen)(113-41, 22-49) area\*\*\*.

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9. The Canton Pacification Headquarters is anticipating an attack on Kwangtung by 200,000 Communist troops, comprising nine armies, who will approach along the East River to take advantage of the help of Communist guerrilla forces in that area.

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10. It is impossible for the Nationalists to defend Canton because there are insufficient troops and materials available, and the situation is completely out of Nationalist control.
11. After taking Canton, the Communists will attack Taiwan and then Hainan.

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12. Nationalist General PAI Chung-hsi will attempt to defend the Hengyang (112-35, 26-56) area. PAI has approximately 150,000 troops under his command, mostly in Hunan Province.

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on 4 June, there were 500 Communist guerrillas in the Bocca Tigris area, commanded by MAI Ting-tang.

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states PAI has only 150,000 troops, which is believed to be the more correct figure.

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